

**Green County**  
**Agriculture and Extension Education Committee**  
**January 8, 2020 MINUTES**

The January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order at 12:30 PM by Chair Ken Hodgson. Members present were: Ken Hodgson, Oscar Olson, Art Carter, Jody Hoesly and Erica Roth. Also present—Paul Ohlrogge, Extension Area Director, Jayne Butts, Extension Green County Office Manager, and Jackie McCarville, Agriculture Educator.

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 2019 meeting was made by Olson, second Hoesly. Motion carried.

Green County Educator Reports—

- **Jackie McCarville:** Discussed Green County being awarded a grant of \$7,705.00 for the 2020 Clean Sweep Program and discussed collections and bills this year, noting increases in 2019 compared to 2018 (Household this year \$7,157.00—Ag this year \$2,600.00). Maria from Dane County and Jackie have been teaming up for dairy farm visits with somatic cell/mastitis issues; The “Amish Shopper” newspaper has become very popular with articles published by the Ag Educators and is expected to continue; Farm Couple Workshops are being held throughout the State—one in Mineral Point is set for January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **Victoria Solomon:** Victoria gave us a Water Trends handout (presented by Jayne) Highpoints included 778 letters mailed out for participation with hopes of a 35% return rate.....Green County answered with 49.8% (388 landowners) responding! The geographic locations for testing are distributed throughout the County fairly well. For the first year, all 388 will be sent sample kits in mid-late January, with the return to be completed by mid-February, and analysis to be completed in March.

The committee reviewed the UW-Extension office bills for December 2019. The EFT payments totaled \$402.98 and the check payments totaled \$10,793.78. Motion made by Carter, second by Olson, to approve the vouchers for payment. Motion carried. Butts discussed the bills noting the higher amount mainly due to the Clean Sweep bills.

**Paul Ohlrogge, Area Extension Director/Jayne Butts, Office Manager, Extension Green County:**

**Health and Well Being Educator:** Ohlrogge discussed the letter sent regarding the Health and Well Being position being declined by the applicant who interviewed. Questions were asked if the split between counties contributed to the position being turned down. Further discussion questioned funding more of the position, however making it full-part time in Green County. Ohlrogge noted this may or may not be an option and more research would be needed. For now, the position will be reposted as a shared position and if it fails again, we will look at other solutions.

**Food Wise Nutrition Educator:** Ohlrogge discussed Maria Schmidt, who has been hired for this position is very anxious to begin her work for the counties. Donna Peterson and Maria toured the counties last week to give her an idea of where she will be. We are excited to have her on board.

**Regional Water Specialist:** Ohlrogge stated 26 candidates applied and are being screened for the interview process.

**Other Business:** Butts thanked the Ag & Extension Committee for their involvement with the smoking issue in the front entry way, and noted Mike Doyle had been instrumental in helping. While the problem still exists, it is much better than it was.

The next meeting will be scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 12:30pm.

Motion by Olson second by Roth to adjourn at 1:06 pm. Motion carried.